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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch
18 January Thru 24 January 1960

1. CHALICE Section

a. Continued Middle East weather alerts. Unfavorable situation existed during entire period.

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b. Due to increased sun angles in areas of primary interest of [] operation, take-off time changed from [] This will enable the mission to depart []

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c. Headquarters placed on standby alert for [] during period. Did not receive control time in sufficient time to launch a successful mission.

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d. [] given flight profile for slippered [] to verify step-climb operation.

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e. [] requested to prepare for high priority [] mission. Explored with OSI possibility of obtaining early notification

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f. Factual information relative to staff study concerning re-location of Detachment C is being evaluated at this time.

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g. Operations Order 2-60, codeword SQUARE DEAL, given to [] and USAF. The initial weather outlook for this operation will be at 1100Z, 28 January 1960.

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h. Proposed activity for 24 thru 31 January 1960:

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(1) Two Middle East missions.

(2) []

(3) Completed staff study on Detachment C re-location.

(4) Weather alert briefing for SQUARE DEAL.

i. Pending actions: None.

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2. Intelligence Section

a. Prepared detailed intelligence report

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c. Intelligence assigned responsibility for monitoring all available sources of information on CHICOM Air Defense capabilities in region [] to provide warning of any increased hazard to such operations. Intelligence subsequently met with representatives of FE Division and Staff D and worked out details for support required.

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d. Levied requirement [] to develop a sanitized mosaic of area proposed for [] operations.

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e. Pending actions: None

3. Operations Requirements Section

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a. Completed and submitted the overall P2V7 projected retrofit work to be accomplished.

b. Completed [] time table for IRAN.

c. Completed and sent to Finance the budget estimates for the P2V7 for FY 60, FY 61, and FY 62.

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f. [] departed 22 January 1960 to participate in project ref paragraph e above.

g. Received Development Branch estimates on modifications desired for C-130B. These incorporated into study to DD/P on 25 January 1960, Subject: PE Requirements and Methods to Accomplish.

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h. Gave [] instructions to proceed with oxygen lines quick-disconnect providing it was no leak source than present coupling and also that it did not delay delivery of operation dual regulator seat pack.

i. Pending actions:

- (1) Subject: Homer Beacons
Date: 15 Dec 59
Actionee: DPD/Development Branch
- (2) Subject: []
Date: 6 Jan 60
Actionee: DPD/Material and Office Logistics
- (3) Subject: X-15 Suit Helmet
Date: 15 Nov 59
Actionee: DPD/OPS/Operations Requirements Section
- (4) Subject: Plans for O-15 Camera Mount Manufacture
Date: 8 Jan 60
Actionee: DPD/Development Branch
- (5) Subject: []
Date: 27 Oct 59
Actionee: DPD/Development Branch
- (6) Subject: Installation of [] 25X1D
Date: 4 Jan 60
Actionee: TSS
- (7) Subject: Disposition of ASM-7's
Date: 15 Jan 60
Actionee: DPD/OPS/Requirements Section

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4. Communications Section

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b. Pending actions: None

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5. Air Support Section

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a. Attended a meeting with [] (WH Division) and discussed project [] Prepared memo for the DD/P giving DPD's views.

b. Reviewed present Agency aircraft arrival and departure arrangements at Andrews Air Force Base with cleared base personnel. It was agreed by all concerned that current arrangements are satisfactory.

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c. [] spent a profitable three days in Headquarters and was briefed on all support and operational aspects of [] West China operations.

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d. General Erskine, Colonel Lansdale, and Lt. Col. Prouty were briefed on requirements for [] West China operations. USAF's capability and extent of DOD clearance to support this greatly increased overflight activity was discussed. The use of C-130B's was recommended as a means of improving the capability and reducing overall support.

e. Recruited two new PDO's to augment February operations and replace one PDO sick with infectious hepatitis. Renewed contract for one PDO returned from Fall 1959 operations.

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f. [] FE indicated that [] would be canceled if long range support for both [] not feasible even though a capability now exists for [] through May 1960. 25X1A

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j. Pending actions:

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(1) Subject: [] Recruiting Letter
Date: 29 Oct 59
Actionee: DPD/Admin/Personnel

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(2) Subject: Request for [] Replacement
Date: 9 Nov 59
Actionee: DPD/Admin/Personnel

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